

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 9-16 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,014,374 to Hamaguchi et al. (“Hamaguchi”)

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 9-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Hamaguchi. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

A. Claim 1

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*,

(c) in case the type of the received image data is the description file, assigning the XHTML analyzer processing unit to process the received image data, and in case the type of the received image data is in a CMY color system, assigning the image buffer directly to process the received image data without subjecting the image data to the processing by the color conversion processing unit.

In other words, if the description file is received, the XHTML analyzer processing unit processes the image data, but if the received data is in a CMY color system, the image buffer processes the image data without subjecting the data to processing by the color conversion processing unit. On the other hand, Hamaguchi merely teaches a printing method in which image data in the JPEG format is converted into RGB image data, which is converted to RGB pixel data, which is then converted to CMYK pixel data. *See* Hamaguchi at col. 12, lines 36-42. Hamaguchi fails to teach or suggest, however, that if the received image data is in a CMY color

system, the color conversion processing unit is skipped, and the image buffer processes the image data.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over Hamaguchi for at least the foregoing reasons.

B. Claims 4, 5 and 9-16

Since claims 4, 5 and 9-14 are dependent upon claim 1, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable over Hamaguchi at least by virtue of their dependency. Further, since claim 15 recites features similar to those discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, Applicant submits that claim 15 is patentable over Hamaguchi for at least similar reasons. Since claim 16 is dependent upon claim 15, Applicant submits that it is patentable over Hamaguchi at least by virtue of its dependency.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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